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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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1.  The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.
  
2.  The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is dismissed.
  - a)  The requisite petition fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ has not been received.
  - b)  Other :

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3.  The amendment filed on 22 February 1999 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:
  - a)  entered.
  - b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
  - c)  disapproved. See explanation below.
  - d)  entered in part. See explanation below.

*This application has issued as Patent No. 5,982,921 on November 9, 1999. It is suggested that applicant consider implementing the proposed changes by means of a Certificate of Correction.*



**ANDREW W. JOHNS**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

To date, a refund has not been received. Applicants now require a refund of the \$130 petition fee, as was originally requested in the petition filed on August 21, 1998. Please credit Deposit Account #19-2555 in the amount of \$130 referencing U.S. Serial No. 08/984,558.

Respectfully submitted,  
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